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- (1) JP Patent No. 10225116;
- (2) JP Patent No. 200214252;
- (3) JP Patent No. 2002006967;
- (4) JP Patent No. 2000132248;
- (5) JP Patent No. 6217544;
- (6) JP Patent No. 62-46913; and
- (7) JP Patent No. 46-13427.

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If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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